



Department of Environmental Conservation

Creating Habitat for Wildlife

The Young Forest Initiative



We're cutting trees on some Wildlife Management Areas. It may look messy at first, but soon it will provide food, nesting spots and places to hide for many wild animals.

New growth provides wildlife habitat.

Shrubs, tree seedlings, and other plants will grow into a dense young forest to help wildlife whose numbers have been falling.



Golden-winged Warbler
Photo Credit: Christian Artuso



Wild Turkey
Photo Credit: Coyote Empire

You'll have more opportunities for birdwatching, wildlife photography and hunting.

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